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TELEGRAPHIC.

WINNIPEG, March 19, 1881.

As the Czar of Russia was returning from parade at Michael's Palace, St. Petersburg, about 2 p.m., on Sunday, a bomb was thrown from amongst the crowd gathered to see him pass, and exploded under his carriage, doing it considerable damage. The Czar alighted unhurt, but a second bomb was thrown, which exploded at his feet, shattering both legs below the knees, and inflicting other terrible injuries. He was immediately conveyed in an unconscious state to the Winter Palace, where he died at 4:30 p.m. Two persons concerned in the crime were arrested, and admit their guilt. The explosion also killed an officer and two Cossacks. Many policemen and other persons were injured.

In the House of Commons at Ottawa, on the third reading of the Bill amending the Dominion Lands Act, the Opposition moved in amendment, to limit the area sold to one person, that lands be disposed of subject to conditions of settlement, the even numbered sections to be sold only on condition of actual settlement, and to be paid for in cash at the time of sale—all of which was voted down.

Sir John A. Macdonald says there will be a large reduction in the expenditure for Mounted Police this year. The pay of the men will be reduced, and the system of stationing police changed, making the period of service shorter, and changing posts every two years. The number of posts will be reduced, and a great portion of the force will be concentrated at headquarters.

Schultz moved that the petition against Wood be printed with votes and proceedings. Blake objected, and the motion dropped.

Tilley gives notice of a bill asking authority to borrow eighteen millions of dollars.

The Strathroy "Age" compliments the BULLETIN, and tells its subscribers that if it (the "Age") charged as much in proportion to its size the subscription price would be \$30 a year. As the "Age" would hardly get any subscribers at that rate, and the BULLETIN has upwards of quite a few, the "Age" doubtless wishes to hint delicately that the BULLETIN is—ahem—the superior journal.

A gentleman living at Whitemouth, on the C.P.R. East, thinks that the railroad managers should get an outfit of oxen and toboggans to freight with, as it would be more satisfactory and reliable than the railroad as run at present. It is a good thing we have no railroad to bother us.

Imprisonment for debt has been abolished in Scotland.

SUDDEN DEATH.

On Saturday evening Mr. John Coutts, who was living at Mr. Groat's, went from the house to the barnyard on some errand. As he did not return within a reasonable time, Mr. Groat went in search of him and found him stretched out on his face in the yard, dead. It is supposed the cause of death was palpitation of the heart, to which he was subject. An inquest will probably be held to-day by Capt. Gagnon.

THE RACES.

On Saturday afternoon about 300 people gathered on the Edmonton race track to witness the race between McDougall's Captain and McPherson's Brown. Betting was indulged in to a considerable extent, with the balance in favor of Captain. As we anticipated in our report of the last race between these horses, the little Brown won easily. Another race between the same horses was at once arranged, \$50 a side, to be run as soon as the track improves in condition.

After this race the crowd adjourned to the main road, in front of Donald McLeod's, to witness the foot races. The first to take place was that between North West and Rowland for \$50 a side, 125 yards and a flying start. Two handkerchiefs were tied together and held across the track at the outcome by the judges. Rowland led for the hundred yards, when he was passed by North West, who came in slightly ahead, after a hard struggle. A long and loud argument ensued as to the rightful winner, the friends of Rowland claiming the money, as he was the first to touch the handkerchief. The decision of the judges, however, was in favor of North West.

A race of eighty yards, \$5 a side, between Carlin and Matheson, was won easily by the latter, and another between Smith and Carlin of 100 yards, for the same amount, was taken by Smith.

The track was wretched, and it is a wonder anyone who claims to be a runner would travel over it.

Several other matches are spoken of.

JIM CAMPBELL wants to run Big Enough against Captain and the Brown, they to run half a mile each against his mile, and he to beat both, for a \$400 purse. Big Enough appears to be Too Big.

ONE of Smith's shingle logs is eighteen feet long, and measures 28 inches across the top. It is perfectly sound.

The total revenue of Great Britain and Ireland for 1880 was £83,290,000.

LOCAL.

Mr. T. P. WALSWORTH has been appointed Inspector of Indian Agencies.

Misses FRASER and Littlebury arrived yesterday evening, twelve days out from Carleton.

Highest temperature during the past week was 49 above zero on Sunday the 6th, and lowest 3 above on Saturday, the 12th.

The Indians in the vicinity of Battleford are raising a hue and crying their work oxen. Trouble is expected when they are arrested.

Mr. EMERTS, who was here on the C.P.R. engineering staff year before last, lately fell over a precipice in British Columbia, and was dashed to pieces.

Our telegram in regard to the railway line seems a little mixed, and leaves the impression that either the "Globe" correspondent is mistaken or the Syndicate is crazy. Perhaps "Slave Lake" should read "Hay Lakes." Geography is not the "Globe's" best hold anyway, judging from its railway map of the North West.

Last Wednesday, while Mr. McHugh was driving along the Big Lake Road with his span of prize mules, they started in to kick and run, and succeeded so well that the cutter was demoralized and he was thrown out. He retained his presence of mind, however, and managed to stop them before they reached the Robb's Roost. Mules are mysterious critters, and McHugh, is going to discard them for horses.

ST. ALBERT MISSION.

Threshing is over at the Mission farm. The yield is 600 bushels of good wheat and 400 bushels of barley. Two gallons and a half of a kind of "white club" wheat, from the garden of acclimatization, Paris, gave a return of two and a half bushels last year, which gave 45 bushels this year.

Rev. Pere Pelletier left for Fort Pitt last Wednesday.

A new Roman Catholic mission has been started at the Sturgeon River Mill, under the name of St. Christophe, which is also to be the name of the mill. Rev. Pere Blanchette is in charge of the mission, and will also hold divine service every alternate Sunday at Lourdes (Fort Saskatchewan.)

Rev. Pere Gaseau, aged about sixty years, after nearly twenty-five years of mission life in the MacKenzie River district, went last fall to Canada. While there he presided over a family meeting of 750 of his own relations—brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces, grand nephews and grand nieces, great grand nephews and great grand nieces, 750 or 770 in all—and a few were still wanting, being unable to attend.

BIRTH—At Edmonton, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., the wife of Mr. D. Ross, of a daughter.

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500 bushels of first class lime for sale at George Rata's, at \$1 a bushel.

NOTICE—The partnership known as McLeod, Norris & Belcher has been dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be carried on by Norris & Co., who will settle all accounts against the firm, and to whom all debts must be paid.

J. KNOWLES, Manager.

plentiful this summer at from \$20 to \$35 per 1,000. Good Canadian horses would sell at from \$300 to \$400. They are much needed, but are risky stock to bring such a long journey across the plains. The surface of the country is neither perfectly flat like Manitoba, nor broken like the Little Saskatchewan country, and the soil is only equalled by that of the Red River Valley, while the natural growth is not equalled in the temperate zone. Wood is plentiful, and water is good and abundant.

THE changes in the land laws are evidently proposed with an eye to the future extensive colonization of foreign nationalities in the North West. If the tenth part of as much care was taken about the colonization of our own countrymen it would lead to ten times greater and more beneficial results. It is hard to understand the policy that expends thousands to bring foreigners to the country, and will not even guarantee their land to the settlers already here.

LOCAL.

THE Hudson's Bay Co's packet arrived from the North on Monday last.

LEWIS THOMPSON, of Victoria, has received the voucher for his potatoes at last.

THE mail left for the east on Wednesday. It was the largest of the season.

Sgt.-MAJOR BELCHER and wife left for Battleford in company with the mail.

FOOT RACE last Monday at the Barracks between M. Carlyn and W. Smith, 100 yards. \$5 a side, won by Carlyn.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY passed off very quietly, not a single case of riot or disorder being observable. We are not yet civilized.

ON Tuesday last Mr R. L. Tupper left for Winnipeg by the mail trail. He carries with him samples of the Edmonton coal.

Mr. A. JOHNSON of Fort Saskatchewan, had one of his feet badly cut by a careless Indian, while cutting brush at the White Mud.

BOB TAIL, the Peace Hills chief, is very sick and will hardly recover. He is paralyzed from the hips down, the result of a fall from a horse two years ago.

Is digging a well last week, G. Donald struck the water immediately below the frost, about three feet below the surface. It is plentiful and of a good quality.

REV. JAMES DUNCAN, Presbyterian minister of Prince Albert, who was appointed missionary to this place last fall, is obliged by ill health to give up the appointment. He will go East.

MR. M. McCauley and his gang of four men arrived from the woods up the river on Monday last. They have laid 2,000 logs—200,000 feet of lumber—on the river bank, in less than two months work.

THE Little Giant thresher came to grief again last week when nearly through with Gourneau's work. One of the principle cog wheels was completely smashed, and cannot be repaired without sending to Winnipeg.

WORK at the Mammoth coal seam has been suspended for the present. The gang of men under the superintendence of Mr. Wood, in sixteen days stripped the seam 52x20 feet and 60 feet deep at the back. This will enable the steamer to load direct from the seam.

THE weather in the vicinities of Peace River and Slave Lake has been very mild all winter and there has been no snow. All the moose have left the country and the cause is unknown as there are no wolves to chase them across the mountains, as they have done in former years, when there was no snow.

A DISEASE resembling the foot and mouth disease, has broken out amongst the cattle around Slave Lake and Peace River, and has proved fatal in two cases. The same disease was prevalent in British Columbia. The two Slave Lake oxen that died were dissected and a large accumulation of matter was found around their bones. It is to be hoped this plague will not visit these settlements.

DANIEL MALONEY, Baie St. Paul, who was here last summer, is coming out again in early spring, bringing with him a large outfit. He has several head of thoroughbred stock, and a good outfit of implements, including an Osborne self binding harvester, which uses both cord and wire, two wagons, a seeder, mower, rake, five plows, three sets of harrows, and "other articles too numerous to mention."

NOTICES to the following effect have lately been put up at the Edmonton post office:—The Eastern mail will leave exactly two days after its arrival. Forty five minutes is allowed for distribution. Matter intended for registration must be posted thirty minutes before the close of the mail. All parties are requested to have their postal matter ready for mailing before bringing it to the office. The registration charge on letters addressed to any part of Canada or Newfoundland is two cents, and to Great Britain or the United States five cents. Letter box under the window.

THE Indians near the mouth of the Red river are having a loud argument in the papers. Last fall a complimentary address was presented to Mr. Dewdney by the chief and some of his band. One of the band writes to say that the compliments were falsehoods and the signatures to the petition forgeries, and accuses the chief of drunkenness. The chief responds by re-affirming the compliments, and accusing the dissatisfied ones of the band of drunkenness, covetousness, and treachery.

THE settlers in South and East Brandon, N.W.T., have passed a herd law among themselves, by which horses and cattle are prohibited from running at large, under penalty of \$20 fine and all damages done to crops. The law is to be in force from the 1st of June until the 1st of October, and is intended to do away with the necessity of fencing growing crops, as rail timber is scarce in that locality. It is not scarce in this district.

THE Montreal Bank has put up a new building in Winnipeg. It is faced with Cleveland stone.

THERE are ten telephone offices on one wire in Winnipeg.

THE BULLETIN

Will be published at Edmonton every Monday morning, from the 1st of December until the 1st of May. Subscription for the season \$2.00. Season advertisements, \$5.00 per inch. No advertisement inserted for less than one dollar. Business cards, not over four lines \$2.50. Mr. F. Wilson, at the H.B.C. store, Edmonton, and Mr. P. H. Belcher, at Fort Saskatchewan, will take subscriptions and advertisements. TAYLOR & OLIVER, Proprietors.

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CONTRACTS.

The contracts for all the Indian and Police supplies required in the North West have been let in Ottawa and the first intimation that people here have had of the matter was our telegram of last week. In this district there are over \$30,000 worth of the articles required—such as oats, hay, and vegetables for the police at Fort Saskatchewan, and seed grain, work cattle, and flour for the Indians—that must be supplied from this settlement, and the contracts for which will have to be sub-let here. If the interests of either the Government, the Department, or the people were consulted, at least a chance would be given the people here to tender for these supplies. None of those who tendered at Ottawa were sufficiently well posted on the capabilities of this part of the country to give close figures in their tenders, and besides the very fact of their tendering with the intention of sub-letting proves that they are getting more from the Government than the articles will actually cost. Were the contracts let here in the first place to private parties who would have no influence with the Government, there is no doubt that the departmental officers would feel more at liberty to exercise a stringent supervision over their fulfilment. And if the settlers here could deal directly with the Government they would have more confidence in the Government, in the country, and in themselves than when their existence is altogether officially ignored, although it has to be recognized really.

There are also other portions of the supplies—such as beef for the police and Indians—that could certainly be supplied more advantageously by parties doing business here. Large numbers of cattle are brought in every year for sale from Montana and British Columbia by private parties, and why should not the Government cattle be supplied by them as well, and whatever profit might be on the contract would help to build up the North West (which is so much talked

about) instead of going into the pockets of the Yankee firm of I. G. Baker & Co., or Kavanagh Bros. of Ottawa.

A few years ago all the oats required for the police here were brought in from Montana, by way of Bow River, but now there is plenty of oats in the country at from .75 to 1.00 a bushel, and could a market be got for them at that price they would be a very advantageous crop for the farmers to raise. Were the contracts for the supply of the police at Forts Calgary and McLeod let here this spring instead of at Ottawa, there is no doubt that the oats could be laid down at those two posts next fall, of good quality and in good order, at five and a half cents a pound to Calgary and six and a half to McLeod, which is doubtless as low as they are delivered now, and would thereby place a considerable amount of money in the hands of the settlers here, to be expended in the further development of the country.

So far, through mistakes or otherwise, a considerable amount of Government contracts have been let here, but the amount has been less and less every year, as the ability of the country to supply increased, until last year only the Indian supplies were let here, but this year the bottom is reached, and all the supplies required for both Police and Indians in the whole North West are let to a firm in Ottawa. This is encouragement to home industry—these are measures taken to promote the welfare of the settlers and the prosperity of the North West.

ENQUIRIES ANSWERED.

CHAS. WIGGINS, Stayner.—We have no town properly speaking, but the population within a radius of two miles amounts to over 200. Within the same distance there are two steam saw and grist mills, three churches, Methodist, Church of England, and Roman Catholic, six stores besides the H. B. C. fort, a tailor shop, three carpenter shops, a blacksmith shop, a butcher shop, a hotel, and a well-attended day school. Town lots, 50 x 100, can be had at all prices from nothing up to \$160. This is the centre of trade of a large but sparsely populated district, embracing the largest tract of fertile land in the Dominion, with natural resources of timber, coal and gold, which make its prospects superior to those of any other place in the North West.

A. LAURENS, Rat Portage.—The resident population within twenty miles on each side of Ft. Edmonton is about 1,000, not including Indians.

A. G. HAMILTON, Whitemouth.—Wheat is \$2 to \$3, barley, \$1, oats \$1, potatoes .75, beef .10 to .12, fresh pork .20, eggs .50, butter .50. Chickens, pigs, and cows of good quality are much needed. There is no bakery. One might pay, but the population is rather too much scattered as yet. River farms, unimproved, can be had for taking. Lumber will be